(b) (3)-P.L. 86-36-CATEGORY = M ≈ 56 MESSAGE = Ø1Ø41Ø96RR ZAD ZAA ZNZ ZAZ SSD Z 00 ZHA DE RRI 25A Ø431738 ZKZK RR HAH DE R 121533Z FM DIRNSA TO OSCARZUNIFORM YANKEE C R E T SPOKE SECTION ONE OF THO MMXX ENPUT-TB12828 2/02VCK-E/R86-78 AVC/AVIA-V, ELSY-V, ORGZ-V/I. CHANGES IN THE DISPOSITION OF MORTH VIETNAMESE RADARS 22-28 JANUARY 1978 INTRODUCTION THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON CHANGES NOTED IN THE DISPOSITION OF NORTH VIETNAMESE RADARS (DNVR), AS PRESENTED IN 2/0/VCK-E/R6-69 18 AUGUST 1969, AND CONSISTS OF THREE PARTS. PART I - HIGHLIGHTS, PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING THE DNVR; PART II SUMMARIZES ALL CHANGES IN THE DISPOSITION OF AIR SURVEILLANCE RADARS THROUGH 28 JANUARY 1970; AND, PART III PRESENTS THE DISPOSITION OF SAM-ASSOCIATED RADARS AS OF 28 JANUARY 1970. PEN AND INK CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE TO PART THREE, 2/0/VCK-E/R6-69, THE HARD COPY VERSION OF THE DNVR. CHANGES REPORTED ELECTRICALLY EACH NEEK HILL BE INCLUDED IN A QUARTERLY HARD COPY UPDATE OF THAT REPORT. A UPDATED HARD COPY DNVR PRESENTING THE STATUS OF NVN RADARS AS OF 31 DECEMBER 1969 IS IN THE PROCESS OF PUBLICATION. PART I - HIGHLIGHTS A. AS EARLY AS 24 JANUARY 1970, COMINT REVEALED RENEWED ACTIVITY BY AIR SURVEILLANCE RADAR STATION PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS BEING LOCATED AT KEP HA (21-23N 186-34E).((1)) THIS STATION WAS DELETED FROM THE DNVR ON 31 DECEMBER 1969 DUE TO AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF INACTIVITY IN SIGINT.((2)) RADAR

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DECEMBER 1969 DUE TO AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF INACTIVITY IN SIGINT. ((2)) RADAR TYPES NOTED CONSIST OF THO KNIFE REST B RADARS. ((3)) UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ITS LOCATION CAN BE RECONFIRMED. WILL BE REFLECTED AS TENTATIVELY LOCATED AT KEP HA. B. ACTIVITY BY SAM-ASSOCIATED RADARS DURING THE PERIOD 22 -28 JANUARY 1978 HAS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE DISCLOSURE IN COMINT OF THO ADDITIONAL SAM BATTALIONS IN THE DONG HOI AREA SAM COMPLEX. ONE OF THESE BATTALIONS WAS NOTED AS EARLY AS 24 JANUARY 1978 AND LOCATED AT 18-88N 185-53E.((4)) THIS. BATTALION PARTICIPATED IN A 28 JANUARY 1978 AND LUCATED AT 18-88 185-35E.((4)) THIS 1814 IN A 28 JANUARY 1978 ATTEMPTED SAM SHOOT DOWN OF A U.S. F185 AIRCRAFT. ((5))THE OTHER NEW BATTALION IN THE DUNG HOI AREA SAM COMPLEX HAS FIRST DETECTED IN COMINT ON 28 JANUARY 1978 AND LOCATED AT 18-86 185-53E.((6)) AS OF 28 JANUARY 1978, SIGINT DISCLOSED THAT THERE WERE A TOTAL OF FOUR ACTIVE SAM BATTALIONS OPERATING IN THE DONG HOI AREA SAM COMPLEX. C. COMINIT FOR 28 JANUARY 1970 ALSO SHOWED THAT AIR SURVEILLANCE RADAR STATION

AND POSSIBLY EITHER | | OR | | (LOCATED AT CAM XUYEN, VINH AND PHU DIEN CHAU, RESPECTIVELY) SUPPORTED A GROUND-CONTROLLED-INTERCEPT (GCI)

OPERATION STAGED OUT OF VINH. ON THAT DATE, AIR SURVEILLANCE COMMUNICATIONS FOR

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THE SOUTHERN SECTOR BROADCAST FACILITY AT VINH CONTAINED AN OPERATIONAL MESSAGE WHICH STATED THAT AN UNKNOWN STATION (OR STATIONS) HAD IURNED ON (OUT OF SCHEDULE) A BAR LOCK BIG BAR B FLAT FACE, AND SIDENET RADARS AT \$735Z. THESE RADARS WERE PROBABLY SUPPORTING SOUTHERN SECTOR GCI FACILITIES, BETWEEN \$735-\$755Z, WHEN VHF TACTICAL AIR COMMUNICATIONS REVEALED THO NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE MIG-21'S WERE VECTORED AGAINST A U.S. HELICOPTER FLYING APPROXIMATELY 6\$\text{B}\$ NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH OF VINH((5)). D. DURING THE PERIOD 22 - 28 JANUARY 1978, THE BAI THUONG AND NAM DINH AREA SAM COMPLEXES REMAINED INACTIVE IN SIGINT.((7)) THE NUMBER OF SAM-ASSOCIATED RADARS CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED IN SIGINT STANDS AT 31 PART II - CHANGES IN THE DISPOSITION OF AIR SURVEILLANCE RADARS THE FOLLOWING COMPILATION PRESENTS ALL CHANGES NOTED IN SIGINT TO THE DISPOSITION OF NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR SURVEILLANCE RADARS THROUGH 28 JANUARY 1978.

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